

unjustly burdened may have relief by way of adjustments or credits, as set out in my Inaugural Message. In this connection, I re-state the fiscal policy announced in my Inaugural Address:

"We should distinguish between the general fund surplus, and the revenue which shall be current during the next biennium. The one relates to money now in hand after having discharged all the obligations imposed by the last General Assembly. The other relates to the money which will be received during the next biennium, out of which will be paid all of the appropriations made by this General Assembly. As a general policy, I wish to make it clear that the appropriations in the coming biennium should be kept within the availability of revenues estimated to be received during the biennium."

I desire particularly to call the attention of the General Assembly to certain recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission as contained in the Report herewith submitted:

(a) The recommended appropriations for the public schools carry sufficient funds to provide for a minimum salary of one hundred and twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars per month for all public school teachers with a Class A Certificate and increments for others with like certificates. It is gratifying to me that the Budget contains recommendations to carry out the promises I have heretofore made in this respect and which have the unanimous approval of the Director and members of the Advisory Budget Commission.

(b) The recommended appropriations for all Departments, Bureaus and Agencies and public schools contain ample funds for salary increases to replace the war bonus. The employees of the schools, Departments, and Agencies will receive as salary an amount as large or larger than the present salary, plus the war bonus. It is recommended, with my approval, that salaries up to five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars shall be subject to the benefit of the State Retirement System.

(c) The appropriations recommended for forest fire control and for mineral and water resources provide for a substantial expansion of these services at a time when such need has never been greater.

(d) The recommended appropriations for the hospitals for the insane have been materially increased, which should provide for ample and the most modern care and treatment of those now in these institutions.

(e) The recommended appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, Experiment Station and Agricultural Extension at State College are ample to provide for the necessary expansion of these agencies, an expansion which should prove of great worth to the agricultural interests of our State.

(f) The appropriations recommended out of the State Highway and Public Works Fund for maintenance and construction of State and County highways meet the needs for the purposes as requested by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. All increases recom-